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AFTER FOUR- DAYS VISIT BY CALHOUN AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF KAISER CORPORATION, PRIMIN TODAY MADE A STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ABOUT THE VOLTA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC AND ALUMINUM PROJECT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

I SHOULD NOW LIKE TO REFER TO ANOTHER MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR COUNTRY - THE VOLTA RIVER PROJECT. DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS I HAVE BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALUMINIUM COMPANIES. MEMBERS WILL BE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SEVERAL ALUMINUM COMPANIES ARE NOW SETTING UP A NEW COMPANY IN GHANA, WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS THE VOLTA ALUMINIUM COMPANY. DURING THE NEXT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WILL BE NEGOTIATING WITH THIS NEW COMPANY, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALUMINIUM SMELTER AT TEMA. IF THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED WE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE OBTAINED A MAJOR CONSUMER OF POWER FROM THE VOLTA.

LET ME NOW DEAL WITH THE DAM AND POWER INSTALLATION. MR. SPEAKER: AS ALL MEMBERS OF THIS ASSEMBLY ARE AWARE, I AM DETERMINED THAT POWER SHALL BE PRODUCED FROM THE VOLTA RIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CERTAIN PRELIMINARY WORKS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN DURING THE LAST YEAR WHICH ARE NOW NEARING COMPLETION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW ASKED KAISER ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTORS INC. TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL WORK AT THE DAM SITE WHICH WILL REQUIRE UNTIL ABOUT MARCH, 1961, TO COMPLETE. IN ADDITION, KAISERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COMPLETE ALL THE ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK OF THE DAM AND TO PREPARE TENDER DOCUMENTS SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD ACT AS NECESSARY BY THE 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1960.

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MEMBERS-WILL OBSERVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TIMING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMELTER AT TEMA AND THE TIMING OF FURTHER WORK ON THE DAM AND POWER PROJECTS.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL RIGHTLY INTERPRET THESE DECISIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT AS FURTHER CLEAR EVIDENCE OF OUR DETERMINATION TO BRING THE VOLTA RIVER PROJECT IN TO OPERATION.

AND I SHOULD LIKE TO REPEAT HERE AN ASSURANCE WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN TO THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSE. MY GOVERNMENT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WILL GIVE THE HOUSE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO ENDORSE THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

END TEXT.

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